

Substitute for Form PTO 1449

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT***(use as many sheets as necessary)***Complete if Known**

Application No.

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

SWAYZE, Jeffrey S. et al.

Art Unit

Examiner Name

Sheet

1

of

2

Attorney Docket No.

END5130-0517372

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner initials	Cite No.	DOCUMENT NUMBER		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind code ² (if known)				
GW		US-	448,194	03-17-1891	Balbin	
GW		US-	804,229	11-14-1905	Hutchinson	
GW		US-	1,944,166	01-16-1934	Stratman	
GW		US-	2,883,984	04-28-1959	Candido, Jr. et al.	
GW		US-	3,269,630	08-30-1966	Fleisher	
GW		US-	3,661,187	05-09-1972	Caveney et al.	
GW		US-	3,837,555	09-24-1974	Green	
GW		US-	3,949,924	04-13-1976	Green	
GW		US-	3,955,581	05-11-1976	Spasiano et al.	
GW		US-	4,154,239	05-15-1979	Turley	
GW		US-	4,276,878	07-07-1981	Storz	
GW		US-	4,580,712	04-08-1986	Green	
GW		US-	4,589,870	05-20-1986	Citrin et al.	
GW		US-	Re. 32,214	07-22-1986	Schramm	
GW		US-	4,606,343	08-19-1986	Conta et al.	
GW		US-	4,664,305	05-12-1987	Blake, III et al.	
GW		US-	4,671,278	06-19-1987	Chin	
GW		US-	4,869,415	09-26-1989	Fox	
GW		US-	4,976,686	12-11-1990	Ball et al.	
GW		US-	5,040,715	08-20-1991	Green et al.	
GW		US-	5,307,976	05-03-1994	Olson et al.	
GW		US-	5,314,424	05-24-1994	Nicholas	
GW		US-	5,376,095	12-27-1994	Ortiz	
GW		US-	5,413,267	05-09-1995	Solyntjes et al.	
GW		US-	5,467,911	11-21-1995	Tsuruta et al.	
GW		US-	5,509,596	04-23-1996	Green et al.	
GW		US-	5,573,541	11-12-1996	Green et al.	
GW		US-	5,579,978	12-03-1996	Green et al.	
GW		US-	5,706,997	01-13-1998	Green et al.	
GW		US-	5,706,998	01-13-1998	Plyley et al.	
GW		US-	5,728,108	03-17-1998	Griffiths et al.	
GW		US-	5,730,740	03-24-1998	Wales et al.	
GW		US-	5,735,874	04-07-1998	Measamer et al.	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

DATE CONSIDERED

9/23/04

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application No.	
				Filing Date	
				First Named Inventor	
				Art Unit	
				SWAYZE, Jeffrey S. et al.	
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	
				END5130-0517372	

GW	US-	5,735,445	04-07-1998	Vidal et al.	
GW	US-	5,762,256	06-09-1998	Mastri et al.	
GW	US-	5,782,396	07-21-1998	Mastri et al.	
GW	US-	5,782,396	07-21-1998	Mastri et al.	
GW	US-	5,855,311	01-05-1999	Hamblin et al.	
GW	US-	5,865,361	02-02-1999	Milliman et al.	
GW	US-	5,893,506	04-13-1999	Powell	
GW	US-	5,894,979	04-20-1999	Powell	
GW	US-	5,976,160	11-02-1999	Crainich	
GW	US-	6,032,849	03-07-2000	Mastri et al.	
GW	US-	6,079,606	06-27-2000	Milliman et al.	
GW	US-	6,120,526	09-19-2000	Daley	
GW	US-	6,241,139	06-05-2001	Milliman et al.	
*	US-	6,330,965	12-18-2001	Milliman et al.	
GW	US-	6,330,965	12-18-2001	Milliman et al.	
GW	US-	2002/0117533	08-29-2002	Milliman et al.	
	US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ^o
		Country Code ¹ -Number ⁴ -Kind code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
GW		EP 0 070 230 A1	07-06-1982	Tractel S.A.		Abstract
GW		WO 99/15086	04-01-1999	U.S. Surgical Corp.		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ^o

* = duplicate

CinLibrary/1331001.1

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

DATE CONSIDERED

9/23/04

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☐ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.